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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8562
INFO AMCONSUL TORONTO
AMCONSUL WINNIPEG

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EIND, EINV, CA
SUBJ: POTASH: INTERIM REPLY TO U.S. AIDE MEMOIRE

REF: OTTAWA 4629

1. EXTAFF HAS GIVEN EMBASSY DIPLOMATIC NOTE ECL-126 DATED JANUARY 16, 1976, WHICH CONSTITUTES INTERIM ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EMBASSY'S AIDE MEMOIRE OF DECEMBER 9, 1975 CONCERNING SASKATCHEWAN'S PLANS TO EXPROPRIATE POTASH INTERESTS. KEY PARAGRAPH OF NOTE READS: "THE DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THE COMMENTS AND CONCERNS IDENTIFIED IN THE UNITED STATES AIDE MEMOIRE AND THESE HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL INTERESTED CANADIAN AUTHORITIES. THE DEPARTMENT IS CONSULTING WITH THE PROVINCE ON ISSUES RAISED IN THE EMBASSY'S AIDE MEMOIRE AND WILL PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION AND VIEWS TO THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THESE CONSULTATIONS."

2. SHANNON, DIRECTOR, COMMERCIAL POLICY DIVISION, EXTAFF, TOLD ECON COUNSELOR THAT GOC HAD DECIDED TO SEND THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BECAUSE SEVERAL WEEKS HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PASSED SINCE RECEIPT OF AIDE MEMOIRE AND GOC WANTED TO

MAKE CLEAR TO USG THAT IT WAS NOT IGNORING EMBASSY'S
REPRESENTATIONS. SHANNON SAID DISCUSSIONS HAD ALREADY
TAKEN PLACE WITH SASKATCHEWAN AUTHORITIES IN BOTH
OTTAWA AND SASKATCHEWAN AND WOULD CONTINUE. HE DID NOT
COMMENT ON SUBSTANCE EXCEPT TO INDICATE THAT QUESTIONS
RAISED ARE OBVIOUSLY TOUGH AND SENSITIVE ONES FOR
CANADIANS. JOHNSON

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